

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barbara Fisher on 3/8/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 10 has been cancelled

OC 4.08
In line ~~10~~¹¹ of claim 1, "the substate" has been replaced with --the substrate--

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In line 1 of claim 20, "an integrated circuit manufactured using the method" has been replaced with --A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit--

In line 1 of claim 21, "The integrated circuit as recited in claim 20" has been replaced with --The method as recited in claim 20--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 11-21, 26 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 1, 11, 20, the applicants have presented persuasive arguments, see pages 9-10 of the response filed on 12/18/2007, that the cited prior art of Chien and Kim fails to disclose or suggest a method for etching a substrate comprises a step of etching an opening in said substrate dielectric layer using an etchant comprising a carbon oxide, a